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KEATING, FRANK A.: Papers, 1917-1973

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The papers of Major General Frank A. Keating, Commander of the 102nd Infantry Division in World War II and U.S. Military Governor of the Germany after World War II, were deposited in the Dwight D. Eisenhower Library by General Keating in June 1969, and his wife, Margaret Daum Keating, in October 1977.

Linear feet of self space occupied:	-1
Approximate number of pages:	1,600
Approximate number of items:	400

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BIOGRAPHICAL NOTE

Feb. 4, 1895	Born, New York City
May 18, 1915	Entered Military Service
Apr. 28, 1917	Commissioned as 1st Lieutenant
1917-1918	Served in Combat in France
July 30, 1918	Promoted to Captain
1918	Assigned as instructor at the Infantry Weapons School in Chatillion-Sur-Seine, France
Dec. 30, 1919	Honorably discharged
July 1, 1920	Received commission as 1st Lieutenant and promoted to Captain
1921-1922	Student in the Company Officers' Course at Ft. Benning, Georgia
1922-1924	Instructor for Iowa and Minnesota National Guards
1924	Sent to Japan and the Philippines
1927-1929	Served with 3 rd Infantry at Ft. Snelling, Minnesota
1929	Sent to Hawaii
May 24, 1933	Promoted to Major
1934-1938	Served with Organized reserves in Cincinnati and Columbus, Ohio
1937	Cited for outstanding accomplishment during Ohio River flood
1939	Graduated from Command and General Staff School, Ft. Leavenworth, Kansas
1939	Assigned to 15th Infantry at Camp Lewis, Washington. Served with Major Mark Clark and Lt. Colonel Dwight D. Eisenhower
1941	Assigned to Operations and Training division of the War Department General Staff

Dec. 11, 1941	Promoted to Colonel
Dec. 1941	Assigned as Chief of Staff of 2nd Infantry Division at Ft. Sam Houston, Texas
1942	Called to Washington and assigned by Chief of Army Ground Forces to organize an Amphibious Training Center at Camp Edwards, Massachusetts
July 27, 1942	Promoted to Brigadier General
Jan. 20, 1944	Assumed command of the 102nd Infantry
July 2, 1945	Promoted to Major General
May 1945-Jan. 1946	Served as Military Governor of Germany
1946-1948	Assigned as Commander of Troops in Berlin, Deputy Military Governor of the U.S. Zone of Germany and Deputy to General Lucius Clay of the Allied Control Council
1948	Assigned as Commanding General, 1st Service Command, Boston, Massachusetts
1950	Appointed Chief U.S. Military Advisor to Korea
Aug. 31, 1950	Retired
April 28, 1973	Died at age 78

SCOPE AND CONTENT NOTE

The papers of General Frank A. Keating span the years from the beginning of his military career to his death, 1915-1973. The largest concentration covers the years 1942 to 1946. Much of the collection is biographical, consisting of his personal 201 file, awards, newspaper clippings, and a short biography. The majority of this biographical material focuses on his military career. Most of the newspaper clippings are concerned with Keating's role in Europe, during and immediately after World War II. The role of the 102nd Infantry Division in the war in Europe is well documented by the newspaper clippings and printed materials concerning the 102nd. However, there is no substantial record of Keating's activities outside of Europe.

Keating's civilian life is not well documented by this collection. His role in the 102nd Infantry Division Veterans Association is shown through correspondence with the organization. Evidence of Keating's involvement in other private organizations, such as the U.S. Power Squadron and the Lotos Club, is found only by checking for his name in some of the organizations' printed materials. The actual extent of his participation in these groups is not documented.

The papers contain a limited quantity of correspondence, consisting mostly of personal and official items. Keating received many personal letters concerning his departure from his post as Instructor of Infantry and Adjutant, Cincinnati Military District, but for the most part the correspondence is of a personal nature that sheds little light on Keating's civilian or military careers. General Keating's speeches provide some insight into Keating's views of current issues and events of the day. Two of the more interesting speeches deal with the Cold War in the Middle East and with military occupation government of Germany.

The collection also contains several miscellaneous items that Keating received in Europe, including a German propaganda leaflet, a report on the Hillersben Displaced Persons camp, and a German language order of battle report taken from a German prisoner.

CONTAINER LIST

<u>Box No.</u>	<u>Contents</u>
1	<p>Awards and Commendations [U.S. and foreign awards and letters of commendation]</p> <p>“Berlin District” [Book containing function charts and functions of General Command and staff]</p> <p>Biographical Material [Newspaper clippings and a short biography]</p> <p>Charcoal Drawings of the 102nd Infantry Division [Drawings of sailing for Europe, 1944 and action in Germany, 1944]</p> <p>Command and General Staff School Photos, Class of 1938-1939</p> <p>Condolences [Letters of condolence to Mrs. Keating upon General Keating’s death]</p> <p>Correspondence, Incoming [Personal and official]</p> <p>Correspondence, Miscellaneous</p> <p>Correspondence, Outgoing [Personal and official drafts and letters]</p> <p>“Farewell to Coordination Committee” [Excerpt from transcript of the coordinating committee meeting held in Berlin, August 28, 1947]</p> <p>Genealogy [Keating]</p> <p>German Propaganda [Page from a German propaganda leaflet]</p> <p>Lotos Club [Constitution of the Lotos Club, Issues of the “Lotos Leaf” (newsletter)]</p> <p>Map, “Germany’s Defense as of Oct. 16, 1944”</p> <p>Miscellaneous Maps</p>
2	<p>Miscellaneous Printed Material (1)(2)</p> <p>“Neuburg Castle” [Booklet about Neuberg Castle]</p> <p>Newspaper Clippings [Mostly biographical dealing with World War II]</p>

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2 Newspaper Clippings, Scrapbook (1) [Clippings removed from Keating's Scrapbook;
(cont.) mostly biographical]

Newspaper Clippings, Scrapbook (2)

102nd Infantry Division Materials [Printed Materials concerning the 102nd Infantry Division]

"102nd Thru Germany" [Booklet]

Ozarks: 102nd Infantry Division Association (1) [Constitution of the 102nd Inf. Div. Association, correspondence, Ozark newsletters]

Ozarks: 102nd Infantry Division Association (2) [Correspondence, newsletters, booklet "Normandy to the Elbe: The Story of the 548th AAA AW BN"]

Personal 201 File (1)-(4)

Printed Materials Transferred to the Book Collection

3 Speeches (1) [Drafts and final copies, some speeches written by Keating to be
delivered in his absence]

Speeches (2) [Drafts and final copies]

Speeches (3) [Drafts, final copies, some working materials, speech concerning the Cold War in the Near and Middle East]

Speeches (4) [Drafts and final copies]

Speeches (5) [Drafts and final copies, some working materials]

Speeches (6) [Notes of speech on Pearl Harbor]

Speeches (7) [Note cards from speeches]

"Standard Operation Procedure of 102nd Infantry Division." [Manual]

Temporary Promotion

U.S. Power Squadron [Issues of "The Skipper", Directories of Officers and Committee Chairmen]

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